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A PERSONAL NOTE:

If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else.

The 2010 FOURTH REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Including First and second Supplement; Just off the press. Much new information; Cost is \$63, included postage, for new buyers. If you bought any of the books before, the cost is \$53. SUPPLEMENT 2 IS \$15 AND BOTH 1 AND 2 ARE \$25. Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

CONVENTION 2011: I have a limited number of special 70-page Convention booklets prepared by Martin Grams, Jr. It covers all 36 conventions. Cost is \$10 plus \$3 (\$13)

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Productions, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. E-mail: fsberney@verizon.net.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it; **-Jack Benny Times; May - Aug;** much info about Jack; Sam Hearn; **-The Illustrated Press, April;** articles about Ross Martin; High Adventure; The Nebbs; Fibber's closet; **-June;** articles about Fred Allen; Walter Winchell; Don Knotts; **-Radio Recall, April;** articles about War of the Worlds predecessor in Australia; Hooper, Crossly and Nielson ratings; on line access to OTR History in radio magazines; **-June;** articles about Jeff Regan; Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar; **-RLL on the Air, Spring;** articles about The Big Show; Rosemary Rice; Greta Garbo's one radio appearance; **-RCA Newsletter, Mar;** interview with author Norman Finkelstein; article about Paula Winslowe; Apr, article about Dimension X; **-interview with author Richard Hayes; article about Orson Wells on radio; -The Illustrated Press, May;** articles about Fred Allen; High Adventure, Part 2; Harry Von Zell; **-Old Radio Times, May - June;** articles about The Great Gildersleeve; radio women pictures on Ebay; Popeye; Jean Shepard; **-Nostalgia Digest, Summer;** articles about Louise Erickson; Lone Ranger on radio; network radio after WWII; Su ETs; Red Skelton

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>). **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571; **-Many books are from McFarland ; 1-800-253-2187; Web (www.mcfarlandpub.com) and Bear Manor Media, Box 1129, Duncan, OK 73534; 580-252-3547 <Bearmanormedia.com> <benohmart@gmail.com> Book Hunter Press, Box 193, Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 (www.bookhunterpress.com/radio); -Martin Grams (OTR Publishing), Box 52, Whiteford, MD. 21160; (443) 286-6821 <www.martingrams.com>**

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Mel Simons is a trivia historian, lecturer, humorist, and a WBZ radio personality. He is also a Master of Ceremonies who introduced, and knew personally, the comedians featured in this book. He is a lifelong Boston resident

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Radio Journalism in America

Telling the News in the Golden Age and Beyond

by Jim Cox

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About the Book

This history of radio news reporting recounts and assesses the contributions of radio toward keeping America informed since the 1920s. It identifies distinct periods and milestones in broadcast journalism and includes a biographical dictionary of important figures who brought news to the airwaves.

Americans were dependent on radio for cheap entertainment during the Great Depression and for critical information during the Second World War, when no other medium could approach its speed and accessibility. Radio's diminished influence in the age of television beginning in the 1950s is studied, as the aural medium shifted from being at the core of many families' activities to more specialized applications, reaching narrowly defined listener bases. Many people turned elsewhere for the news. (And now even TV is challenged by yet newer media.) The introduction of technological marvels throughout the past hundred years has significantly altered what Americans hear and how, when, and where they hear it.

About the Author

Jim Cox, a leading historian of radio programming, is an award-winning author of numerous books on the subject. A retired college professor, he lives in Louisville, Kentucky.

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Bob and Ray, Keener Than Most Persons

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By the established comedy conventions of their era, Bob Elliott and Ray Goulding were true game changers. Never playing to the balcony, Bob and Ray instead entertained each other. Because they believed in their nuanced characters and absurd premises, their audience did, too. Their parodies – broadcasting about broadcasting – existed in their own special universe. A complete absence of show-biz slickness set them apart from the very institution they were mocking, yet were still a part of. They resisted being called comedians and never considered themselves “an act.”

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So Far, So Funny

My Life in Show Business

by Hal Kanter

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About the Book

Hal Kanter first came to Hollywood at age 18 to work as the ghost writer for a comic strip. Then he heard an Eddie Cantor radio show and realized that he could write better jokes. Interestingly enough, Cantor's writers agreed with him. Thus was born one of the more interesting and varied careers in Hollywood.

Kanter's writing career went from radio shows to screenplays to television series. He worked with Bob Hope, Frank Capra, Elvis Presley, Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye. With an Emmy for writing *The George Gobel Show*, he was the creator of *Julia*. Though he enjoyed great success as a producer and director, Kanter always first was a writer. How many scripts has he written? "More than I can lift," he says.

About the Author

The late **Hal Kanter** was a multiple Emmy Award-winning writer, director and producer of such feature films and television series as *Loving You*, *The Rose Tattoo* and *Julia*. A three term governor of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, he scripted 39 Academy Awards shows. He lived in Encino, California.

CONVENTIONS: (Let me know details of your upcoming convention)

8th ANNUAL MID-ATLANTIC NOSTALGIA CONVENTION, Sep 19 – 21, 2013. Hunt Valley Marriott, Hunt Valley, MD; Old-Time Radio, movie and TV events and guests. Contact Martin or Michelle Grams, Jr at 443-286-6821, or <<http://www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com>>

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WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com> **Jim Widner** <otr.com> (**Radio Days**);-**Chuck Schaden** <nostalgia Digest.com> **Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1> **Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html> **Australian Film and Sound** <ScreenSound.gov.au> **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/> **Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org> **Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia> **Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>. **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <<http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>> **Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org> **Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com> The **OTR Club** now has a web page at <<http://www2.pcom.net/robmcd/otrbuffalo/>> **Doug Kosmonek** <<http://members.shaw.ca/douglas Kosmonek>> new e-mail is <douglas Kosmonek@shaw.ca> **Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com> **The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com **Radio Memories (NEW)** www.radiomemories.com...**Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear)** <<http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/>> **Bear Manor Media**, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. <<http://www.bearmanormedia.com>> **RHAC** web site is <www.rhac.org> **Radio Days** is celebrating its 10th year on the web at <<http://www.otr.com>> **Ron Sayles (births, deaths)** <http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html>. (also) <http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/>;- **Eddie Cantor** <eddiecantor.com>;-**Old time Radio Researchers Group** <http://www.otrr.org>;- For free downloads of old time radio programs, check out the **OTRRLibrary** <http://www.otrrlibrary.org>;-For the most up-to-date information about old time radio series, and their stars,check out **OTRRPedia** located at <http://www.otrrpedia.org>;- **Peter Tatchell** <laughterlog.com>

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IN FOND MEMORY: **Jonathan Winters**; comedian; 4/11; 87 (Monitor);-**George Jones**; Apr 26, 81; Songwriter, country music singer (Country Style USA);-**Deanna Durbin**, Apr 13, 91; actress, singer (Shell Chateau; Eddie Cantor);-**Dr. Joyce Brothers**, May 13, 85; psychologist (Monitor);-**Steve Forrest**, May 18, actor (Lux);-**Fran Warren**, Mar 4, 87;singer (Spotlight Bands; The Big Show);-**Rise Stevens**, Mar 20, 99; singer (Treasury Hour; Texaco Star Theater);-**Esther Williams**, Jun 6, 91; actress, swimmer (Eddie Cantor);-**Elliott (Ted) Reid**, Jun 21, 93; actor (Mercury Theater; March of Time; Cavalcade of America); attended FOTR convention.

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